

Cover Shot by August Featured Videographer John Casey



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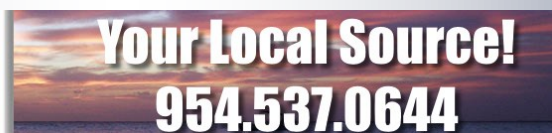
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August Featured Videographer John Casey



My name is John Casey and I shoot video!

I am a 30-year career firefighter/paramedic specializing in critical care and air rescue. Currently, I am attached to the aviation unit of the Broward Sheriff's Office to provide airborne law enforcement and medivacs.

Growing up in South Florida, my love of the ocean started at an early age. I had an extremely adventurous childhood with almost complete freedom to explore and discover. Refusing to grow up, my passion is finding and capturing unique animal behaviors. Underwater cinematography has allowed me to document and share the discoveries my wife, Kelly and I have been fortunate enough to experience. While I'm much better at acquiring video than editing the existing hoard I am trying to develop a better workflow.



One of the great things about our love of the ocean is the interesting people we meet diving locally or abroad. We are always learning and discovering new things. See you out there diving!

August Guest Speaker

Mike Bartick

“Peak of the action-the right shot at the right moment”

Mike discovered his first Nudibranch in the frigid California waters just off the Southern California coastline where he was raised. Since that discovery his admiration for critters has blossomed into a full blown obsession that has lead him across the globe.

“Kamusta Anilao” is a digital coffee table book presented in Power Point combining a unique blend of observed experiences, photographic insight and rarely seen animal behaviors that include Egg Brooding fish, various and colorful Nudibranchs and mating frogfish shot almost exclusively in Anilao Philippines.

Minimal “croppin’ and shoppin” is Mike’s motto, Its all about spending the time underwater, doing your homework and crossing your fingers..

Mike is also the General Manager, Photo pro and head of marketing for Crystal Blue Resort in Anilao Philippines where he also conducts photo clinics and natural history seminars throughout each year.

Mikes Gear :

Nikon D300 and D300s

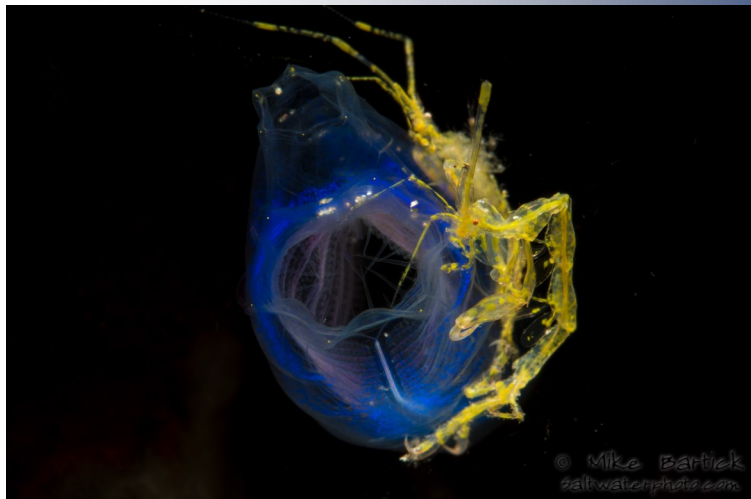
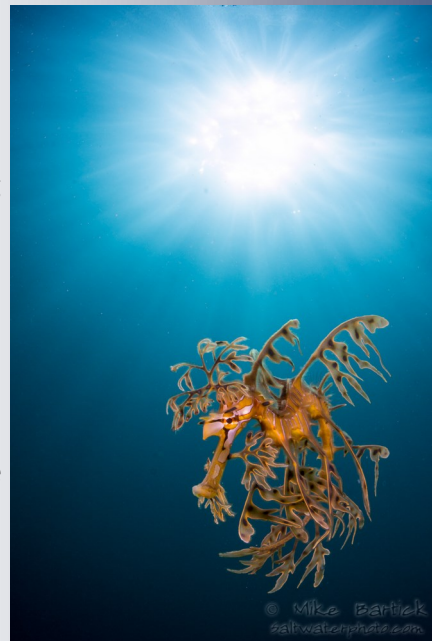
Sea and Sea housings/YSD1 and YS 250 pro strobes

Publications –

Sport diver, Sport diver Asia pacific, Asian Geographic, Action Asia, Undersea journal, X-ray magazine

California Diver Magazine and more recently Alert Diver

To learn more about Mike’s work and photo safari trips visit his website at www.saltwaterphoto.com The critter hub of SE Asia.-www.divecbr.com





SFUPS Events and Programs

Angela Smith

SFUPS and S.T.O.P. August 2015 Sea Turtle Event Announcement!

Due to popular demand, we will be hosting another chance to potentially view hatching baby sea turtles this year!

August is high season for sea turtle hatch outs and this year's event will be amazing!



Official SFUPS and S.T.O.P. release:

"SFUPS has organized a special "Coastal Ecology Course" with Sea Turtle Oversight Protection (S.T.O.P.). This educational program will be a chance to learn about the coastal habitat, the species of turtles that nest on our beaches, their life cycle and the natural and human-caused

dangers that affect them. During the course you will accompany rescue volunteers for a walk to potentially witness a sea turtle hatch out."

Click here to visit <http://www.seaturtleop.org>

Endangered sea turtles need our help and this event will be a great way to learn and give back to your local community. We're looking forward to seeing you on the beach!

For information on date, cost and to SIGN UP contact: angelasmith@rcn.com

Make sure to reserve your spot ASAP since there are limited spaces! We will have a sign up sheet and be accepting payment for the course at the SFUPS meeting on August 11.



Announcements

- SFUPS gives a warm welcome to our newest members joining in July 2015:
Karl Decker, Christian Torres and:



Richard Eaker

- SFUPS is looking for new still and video galleries! Take advantage of this membership benefit and submit your images or video files/links to Susan Mears: webmaster@sfups.org.
- The August PADI specialty of the month at Pura Vida Divers is: [Deep Diver](#).
- REEF Photo & Video will be hosting several trips later in 2015 and in early 2016:
 1. "FOCUS Grand Cayman," August 29-September 5, 2015. See [here](#) for more information.
 2. "Fiji, Beyond the Bligh," September 2-12, 2015. Information on the trip [here](#).
 3. Blue Heron Bridge Workshop: October 15-18, 2015. Information [here](#).
 4. [Anilao, Philippines, April 9-16, 2016](#).
 5. Galapagos, July 25-August 1, 2016. More information available [here](#).
- Force-E Divers will be offering a trip to Bonaire October 3-10, 2015. More information [here](#).



August 2015 event calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1.)
2.)	3.)	4.)	5.) 6pm Force-E Boca-Go Pro Basics course	6.)	7.)	8.) Singer Island 3rd Annual Spiny Lobsterfest with Pura Vida Divers 7:30pm Pura Vida Divers Black Water Drift Dive
9.)	10.)	11.) 6pm SFUPS social 7:20pm SFUPS August meeting	12.) 6pm Force-E Pompano - Advanced Go Pro course	13.) 7:45pm Pura Vida Divers Blue Heron Bridge Twilight Dive 7:30pm Force-E Riviera Blue Heron Bridge night dive	14.) 6:15pm Pura Vida Divers Social Night-Goliath Grouper	15.) 8am & 1pm Pura Vida Divers Goliath Grouper Wreck Dives 8pm Pura Vida Divers 1-tank Goliath Grouper night dive
16.) 8am & 1pm Pura Vida Divers Goliath Grouper Wreck Dives 7:30am Pompano Dive Center Shark Tagging with Guy Harvey Research Institute	17.)	18.)	19.) 6pm Force-E Pompano-Photo editing course	20.)	21.)	22.) Pompano Dive Center- Underwater Photography DSLR: semi-private 4pm Force-E Riviera-PADI Underwater Digital Photography course
23.) 12pm Force-E Riviera-PADI Underwater Digital Photography Course	24.)	25.) 6pm REEF Photo & Video – Lightroom for Underwater Photographers	26.) 6pm REEF Photo & Video – Lightroom for Underwater Photographers	27.)	28.) 7pm Force-E Riviera-Blue Heron Bridge night dive	29.) 7:45pm Pura Vida Divers Blue Heron Bridge Twilight Dive
30.)	31.) 7pm Force-E Pompano-Round table with the photo pros					



Club Members in the News

- Angela Smith's expedition photography is being used in the "Explore the Ocean" project founded by Sylvia Earle and Google Ocean.
- Suzan Meldonian was published in ScubaShooters' May, June and July online magazines. Check out her work [here](#). Suzan will also have images featured at the [DRT Show Phillip-pines](#). Last but not least, Suzan's image of a yellowhead jawfish was displayed as part of the digital display at the Louvre celebrating the Exposure Award on July 13, 2015.
- Several SFUPS members placed in the BugFest Photo Contest at Lauderdale-by-the Sea: Lureen Ferretti, Kimberly Porter, Jason Spitz, Monica Schandel, Nikole Ordway and Chad Williams.
- Chris Gug won the Award of Outstanding Achievement at the Glencoe Art Festival.

2015 SFUPS Contest Categories

<https://sfups.org/2015-contest-subjects/>

*entries due by midnight, Saturday, September 5, 2015

September MASTERS-Underwater model. Can be taken in ocean or for the first time in our history, we are allowing pool shots. Seeking well thought-out and planned. Image should be well composed.

September CHALLENGERS-Portfolio-Your three favorite shots taken in the last year-we will be checking the dates in the metadata. Less than 20% crop.

July Masters – “ At the edge 1’-3’ of water”



2nd Place — Walt Stearns



1st Place— Elly Wray



5th Place — Chris Gug



3rd Place— Walt Stearns



4th Place —Wayne MacWilliams

July Challengers – “Your best blenny”



2nd Place — Bill Watts



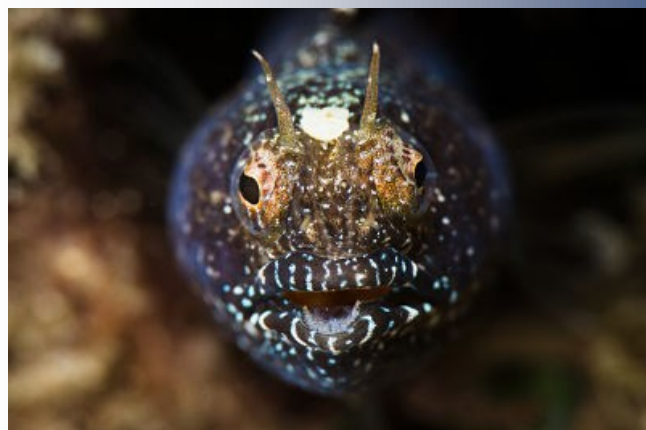
4th Place — Tony Barros



1st Place — Richard Lazenko



3rd Place— Marsha Stamatakis



5th Place — Kelly Casey

2015 Macro Video Contest Winners



1st Place— Lee Burghard



2nd Place — John Casey



3rd Place— Jim Mears

SFUPS On The Scene

Below left: SFUPS President Sam Hodge. left with July guest speaker Lureen Ferretti. Below right: July guest speaker Jason Spitz, left, with Sam Hodge. Below center: Jason Spitz, Sam Hodge, Lureen Ferretti.



Join SFUPS for the next meeting
August 11 at 6:00 pm
 for social hour, drinks & dinner
 Meeting will start at 7:20 pm



SFUPS Meeting Location
[Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North](#)

2440 W. Cypress Creek Road
 Ft Lauderdale, FL 33309



Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

[Florida Skin Divers Association 2015 State U/W Photo & Video Contest](#)

(Deadline: Midnight August 23, 2015)

[Out of the Blue Competition](#)

(Deadline: September 6, 2015)

[Facebook Bluewater Photo contest month's contests](#)

(Monthly)

[Monthly Dive Photo Guide Contest](#)

(Monthly)

[GUY HARVEY OUTPOST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST](#)

(Weekly, Monthly)

Club Travel Exchange

Want like-minded company on your next trip? Send your travel plans to newsletter@sfups.org. The trip details will be published in the newsletter for other members to see. Any members interested in a trip can send an email to newsletter@sfups.org and the groups will be connected.

- Join Larry T., Bill and Beverly on Little Cayman Beach Resort, Sept. 5-12; a few spots open. Ocean View upgrades only. URGENT: Unsold spots will be released Friday June 5. Contact [Nils Jacobsen](#) to join.
- Carol Schurtz will be booking a house in Key Largo for coral spawning this August. For more information, contact Carol at photomermaid@gmail.com.
- Nils Jacobsen, Kathi McCutcheon and Ryan Goheen will be going to Fiji: Aggressor liveaboard and Wai-droka (diving Beqa Lagoon), Oct 31- Nov 14.— Contact [Nils Jacobsen](#) to join, openings are available including one that needs to be filled immediately.



Classifieds

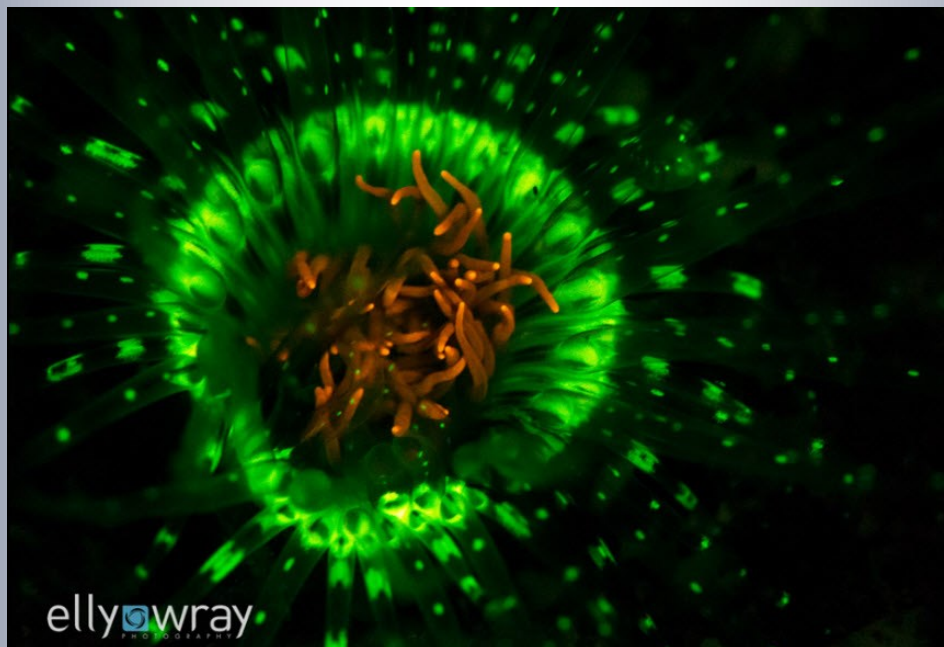
- One wet close up diopter Nexus CL 100. Approx. 4" in diameter. Has black rubber skirt to fit over lens port. Has been used on Seatool ports, may fit others as well. Tripod Mount Ring for Canon 70-200mm F4 L lens, in original box in new condition, model A II (W). One Canon 100 mm f/2.8 Macro USM lens, like new, in original box and instruction booklet, EF mount lens, Aperture range f/2.8-f/32, Macro focus at 1:1 reproduction ratio, manual focus override, minimum focus distance 1" \$395.
Contact Bernd Meier at meierb@bellsouth.net
- Schneider 6X Platinum \$250 new \$75, Gagne Porta Trace Light box \$25, Nikon 16mm Fisheye 2.8 Excellent \$550, Nikon 55-200 Zoom 5/11 refurb. Excellent \$75, Zeagle Scout BC w/ Air 2 Good cond. \$100. You will need hose Air2 to reg. Contact: Wayne MacWilliams at shutterthethought@comcast.net
- Subal ND 30 Housing for Nikon D300, \$3500. complete overhaul, all parts/O-rings replaced; pressure tested Aug 2013 by Reef Photo, Subal Flat Port FP-75/4 (for 60mm lens) \$200, Subal EXR-40/4 Extension Ring (for 105mm lens) \$100, Subal GS-180 Magnifying Viewfinder (installed) \$950, Subal Zoom Gear for Tokina AF 10-17 FE \$50, Zen Underwater DP-100 100mm Fisheye Dome \$750, Port for Subal type 4, Sea & Sea Nikonos Style Synch Cord 2@ \$90 = \$180, D300 User Manual and Simon Stafford's Magic \$10, Lantern Guide Nikon MH-18a Charger \$25, Nikon Li-on Battery Pack EN-EL3a 2@ \$25=\$50, Compact Flash Cards: \$25: 2@16 GB, 1@ 4 GB, 1@ 2 GB, 1@ 1 GB.
Contact Jacqui Eisenberg at acquarelle@mac.com
- VIDEO LIGHT - IKELITE PRO2800 LED PACKAGE. Includes NiMH Battery Pack, Quick Charger for NiMH battery pack, power cord, and flex arm. I'll also throw in the pouch and cord for using dual batteries for no charge in case you choose to further upgrade it, even though we lost the 2nd battery. Everything is used, but in great condition. MSRP is \$850, so lets do it for \$350.
Call the Gug Underwater Gallery at 954-579-8096 or email Gug@GugUnderwater.com
- ORIGINAL CANON XT REBEL BODY (6.3 MEGAPIXELS), IKELITE HOUSING, CHARGER, TWO BATTERIES, PORT COVER AND CAMERA BODY COVER. ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$700.
Contact amaurycruz@yahoo.com
- NIKON COOLPIX 5000, IKELITE HOUSING, UNDERWATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, ABOVE WATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, CHARGER, THREE BATTERIES, AND SLIDE COPIER. EXCELLENT CONDITION. \$300.
Contact amaurycruz@yahoo.com



Classifieds

- For Sale: Seacam housing body for Nikon D700 D-SLR. This housing has been modified to allow the user significantly better access to the capabilities of the Nikon D-700. These modifications include a triple function control that provides use of both the preview and function buttons on the front of the D700 body and provides a port lock, none of which capabilities normal Seacam housings have. Additionally there is a clutch mechanism which automatically engages or disengages a manual focus gear when you switch the normal M-S-C control between Manual and the two auto-focus modes. I also have non-Seacam handgrips on this housing, attached to the front half of the housing. Included with the housing body is a Nikon D700 camera body with two camera batteries, two battery chargers and other bits. Price for the housing is \$4500. Also available is a Seacam 45-degree viewfinder which is \$850 if purchased separately, or \$500 if purchased with the housing body. I also have a wide port (6" glass dome port) and some extension tubes and some lens gears available. Contact Fred Bavendam fbavendam@hotmail.com or 941-953-7623
- Nikon D7000 body in excellent condition (includes 2 batteries and GGS protective glass on rear display) \$700, Nikon 105mm f/2.8 VR macro (includes \$70 Hoya HD UV 62mm filter) \$900 OBO, this lens is barely used and like new. Contact Steve Velazquez @ stevev23@gmail.com
- Sea & Sea RDX 500D Housing for Canon Rebel t1i or t2i. Sea & Sea port for 18-55 kit lens. Sea & Sea RDX Port Base L expansion ring. Extra o-ring and silicone gel. Dual arm strobe mount bracket. Canon Rebel t1i with 18-55 kit lens and 2 batteries and battery charger. Internal gear ring to adjust the 18-55 lens while in the housing. Contact Lureen Feretti via text: 954-328-0050 or reenyb@comcast.net.

Parting Shot by Elly Wray



SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are \$40 for individuals and \$55 for families; we've made it effortless to join online and pay via credit card.

For complete instructions, go to [Click here to go to Join SFUPS page](#)

Membership benefits include:

- Access to the industry's most talented insight, experience, and knowledge
- Networking with members with the same interests and opportunities to enjoy underwater photography
- Receive accolades and peer recognition by participating in and potentially placing in Intra-Club contests
- Opportunity to showcase your images in the SFUPS monthly newsletter
- Free Member Gallery on the SFUPS web site - Get seen and publish your work
- Learn from your peers and cut down on the underwater photography learning curve
- Receive insight into global photographic expeditions and exotic locations from member presentations
- Special Club dives specific to underwater photography
- Eligibility for special raffle prizes with your participation at monthly Club events
- Advertise pre-owned gear for sale
- Sponsor benefits w/membership: Discount air-fills, access to 2-tank \$55 discounted dives throughout South Florida